

Sheffield County Cup

Semi-Final

SHEFFIELD, WEDNESDAY v ROTHERHAM UNITED

At Hillsborough, Wednesday, November 1st, 1972, Kick-off 7.30pm

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A COUNTY CUP WELCOME

By Eric W Taylor, General Manager/
Secretary, Sheffield Wednesday F.C.

On behalf of Sir Andrew Stephen, our chairman and the Board of Directors of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club I have pleasure in welcoming the officials of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County F.A. and the officials and players of our visitors Rotherham United.

I am sure that we can all look forward to an entertaining and a keenly fought Cup-tie this evening.

The Sheffield & Hallamshire County F.A. is an association which controls soccer within a 20 mile radius of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Association has an authoritative voice and its contribution to the sport, both on an administrative front and from the point of view of providing top class referees, is enormous to say the least.

I have had the pleasure of being connected with the Association since 1944 and am proud to be one of it's Vice-Presidents.

The County Cup has had something of a chequered career since its inception in the 1890s when Sir Charles Clegg a former Sheffield Wednesday chairman and a chairman of the Football Association, presented the Association with the Cup which is being played for this evening.

Unfortunately the Cup competition, which is one of the oldest in football history, has fallen victim to counter attractions and the advent of European Competitions and cup competitions on the domestic scene, such as the Football League Cup, Texaco Cup and the like have added to the problems of maintaining interest in the County Trophy.

However, this year, the Association, mainly through the work of its admirable secretary, Ernest Kangley, has re-vitalised the competition and with some clear thinking has devised a plan under which teams eliminated from the League Cup are immediately scheduled to take part in the County Cup.

As a result, Doncaster Rovers and Barnsley met in the first round of the competition which Doncaster won by two goals to one and this evening The Owls meet Rotherham to contest a place in the final.

I sincerely hope you enjoy tonight's entertainment.

INTRODUCING.... ROTHERHAM UNITED

by Tony Pullein.

Tonight we get a now quite rare opportunity to meet our local rivals Rotherham United, a club with which we have always maintained a close contact.

Jim McAnearney, their manager, was a Wednesday player in the 50s. And although over the years many Wednesday players have turned out for the Millers, tonight's team is unlikely to contain any former Hillsborough men.

After a brilliant start to their third division programme, Rotherham have faded in recent weeks but their two chief strikers continue to find the net regularly. The much travelled Bobby Ham led with seven goals before the week-end with former Gillingham and Bristol Rovers striker, Carl Gilbert only one goal behind.

Injuries to both 'keepers, Roy Tunks and Jim McDonagh have caused a few problems in defence but the back four has been fairly settled with veteran Billy Houghton, Welsh international, Ray Mielczarek, Trevor Swift (or Eddie Ferguson) and Mike Leng, turning out in most games.

The midfield unit has undergone several changes but former Leeds and Doncaster man, Rod Johnson has been holding a regular place with Jimmy Mullen, the normal choice at outside left. Norman Whitehead, too, is usually included in the side.

But Bruce Stowell, who was released by Bradford City after creating a club record of 402 League appearances last season, former England youth player Trevor Phillips, Trevor Womble and David Bentley are other contenders.

Winners of the Sheffield County Cup since 1952.

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| 1952 - | Sheffield United |
| 1953 - | Sheffield Wednesday |
| 1954 - | Sheffield United |
| 1955 - | Rotherham United |
| 1956 - | Doncaster Rovers |
| 1957 - | |
| 1958 - | Sheffield United |
| 1959 - | |
| 1960 - | |
| 1961 - | |
| 1962 - | Competition not held |
| 1963 - | |
| 1964 - | Sheffield United Reserves (This was a subsidiary competition which replaced the main competition in which Reserve teams only took part.) |
| 1965 - | Sheffield United |
| 1966 - | Rotherham United |
| 1967 - | Sheffield United |
| 1968 - | Doncaster Rovers |
| 1969 - | Sheffield United |
| 1970 - | Rotherham United |
| 1971 - | Trophy was shared by Barnsley and Sheffield United. |
| 1972 - | Competition not held. |

Sheffield Wed. Rotherham Utd.

Shirts: Royal Blue and
White Stripes with Blue
Collar, Shorts: Royal Blue,
Stockings: White

Shirts: Red with White
Collar and Sleeves
Shorts: White. Stockings:
Red

PETER GRUMMITT
PETER RODRIGUES
DAVID CLEMENTS
PETER SWAN
JOHN HOLSGROVE
TOMMY CRAIG
WILLIE HENDERSON
PETER EUSTACE
BRIAN JOICEY
DAVID SUNLEY
JOHN SISSONS

JIM McDONAGH
BILL HOUGHTON
MICK LENG
BRUCE STOWELL
RAY MIELCZAREK
TREVOR SWIFT
JIMMY MULLEN
DAVID BENTLEY
TREVOR WOMBLE
BOBBY HAM
TREVOR PHILLIPS

SUB:

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Referee:
MR H P HACKNEY (Barnsley)

Linesmen:
Red Flag: MR R BOWLING
(Doncaster)
Yellow Flag: MR J JOHNSON

MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

Tonight's referee MR HAROLD HACKNEY of Barnsley became a Football League referee in 1958 having started with the Barnsley F.A. in 1949 and progressed through the Yorkshire League. He is a referee examiner for The Sheffield and Hallamshire County F.A. and vice-president of Barnsley Referees' Association.

The Owls are launching a new half-season ticket scheme so you can buy a seat here at half-price. The ticket operates from December 23. It's a great way of watching the Owls go for promotion. Phone 343122.

The Owls never do things by half and so they have asked us to help. So why not get on the ball and for full details of how to pay-as-you-watch through Paget & Son Limited, ring 70401.